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| Art Unit               | 1642                 |
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| Attorney Docket Number | IRVN-005CIP          |

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- a.  Previously submitted
  - i  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
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  - iv.  Other Postcard

**2. Miscellaneous**

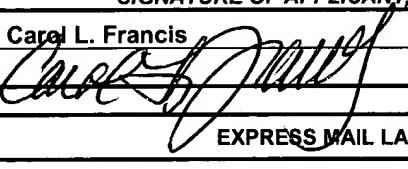
- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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